

## SCOPE organises Public Sector Day celebrations

Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) inaugurated the first-of-its-kind 'SCOPE Social Interaction Centre' (SSIC), at SCOPE Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

SSIC was inaugurated by Sandeep Kumar Gupta, Chairman, SCOPE & CMD, GAIL in the presence of Atul Sobti, Director General, SCOPE; Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay, Vice-Chaiman, SCOPE & CMD, Goa Shipyard; Vasundhara Upmanyu, Joint Secretary, Department of Public Enter-

prises (DPE); Lucas L Kamsuan, Joint Secretary, DPE; Michiko Miyamoto, Country Director, ILO India. Gurdeep Singh, CMD, NTPC; KS Murthy, CMD, BHEL; Amarendu Prakash, Chairman, SAIL; Vartika Shukla, CMD, EIL; KP Mahadevaswamy, CMD, NBCC; Pravin Kumar Purwar, CMD, MTNL; Members, SCOPE Executive Board, Chairmen, Directors of PSEs and Senior officials from ILO. DPE,SCOPE associates were also present.



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## Tariffs to be Based on Energy Rates

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"The order under Section 11, which is on similar lines as done for imported coal-based power plants, aims to optimise the availability of power from gas-based generating stations during the ensuing high demand period," the power ministry said.

"It is necessary to ensure the operational capacity of gasbased stations is utilised during the crunch period to optimise the availability of power during the ensuing high demand period," the government's order said.

Tariffs for electricity from the gas-based stations with power purchase agreements will be based on the energy rates to be determined by regulatory commissions, the ministry said.

Power plants that do not have purchase agreements will have to offer a rate based on the benchmark energy charge rate given by a committee comprising the chairperson of the Central Electricity Authority, as well as a joint secretary at the power ministry and executive director of gas transporter GAIL (India), among others.

Power from such plants can be offered on the exchanges or for dispatch by Grid India.

The government also asked power plants running on imported coal to operate at full capacity till October 15, under the same section. The mandate was to end in June this year.